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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure

In re application of: *Star et al.*

Application No. 09/881,446

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Confirmation No. 6918

For: RAPID FLUORESCENT LABELING OF
TISSUE FOR MICRODISSECTION
USING FLUORESCENT SPECIFIC
BINDING AGENTS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This responds to the Final Office action dated November 3, 2003. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before February 3, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response accompanies this amendment, along with the appropriate fee, now making the response due on or before **March 3, 2004**. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to the deposit account referenced on the transmittal letter.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.